



Radical Righteousness  
Series: *The Sermon On The Mount*, #5  
Matthew 5:17-20  
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Theme: **Radical Righteousness Is Essential To Kingdom Living.**

**An Example Of What Is Not Radical Righteousness.**

1. Some background on the scribes and Pharisees. (20)
2. A survey of the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. (20; see also 23:1-36)

**The Foundation Of Radical Righteousness.**

1. The substance hangs on the absolute and enduring Scriptures.  
(17-19; see also Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25)
2. Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. (17-18)

**The Importance Of Radical Righteousness.**

1. It is essential to enter the kingdom of heaven.  
(20; see also John 14:6; Romans 3:10, 20-23, 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 5:12)
2. It is essential to living out the life of and serving in the kingdom of heaven.  
(19; see also 1 Corinthians 3:10-15)

## In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday.** Yesterday we looked at *radical righteousness* — true righteousness which is quite different than the norm. To be righteous is to be morally, legally right with God. Review our summary of the scribes' and Pharisees' righteousness from Matthew 23. Do you see any of these traits and practices in yourself? Make a specific listing of any you see. Bring them to God, asking Him to work in and with you to be free from them.

**Tuesday.** Radical righteousness is based on the never changing moral character of God as revealed in the Bible. Read 5:17-18. Why should you be thankful for the fact that God's Word is true, and always will be? How does Jesus' fulfilling the Law and Prophets rather than abolishing them fit in? Thank God for His unchanging truth in the Bible.

**Wednesday.** Radical righteousness is important. It is essential to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Check the references on the outline and your notes. Righteousness is received as a gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus. Thank God for giving you what you could never have earned.

**Thursday.** Radical righteousness is also essential to serving in the kingdom. Read 5:19. Remember, salvation is not in view here, but one's place in the kingdom. Review 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. Put this in the context of hungering and thirsting for righteousness (5:6). How are you doing in growing in practical righteousness, growing in the character of Jesus?

**Friday – Saturday.** Sunday is Father's Day. We plan to look at *A Father's Legacy*, with our home base being Proverbs 20:7. Read and think about that proverb as you prepare for our time of worship on Sunday.